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PHONE COMPANY FILES A REPORT

The first report of the Cumberland Telephone and Telegraph company to the law committee of the Chamber of Commerce under the agreement of the improvement of its local service to the satisfaction of the public, has been received by W. P. Armstrong, chairman of the law committee. The report covers the week ending Saturday, Jan. 31.

BOXCAR SHORTAGE BECOMES ALARMING

Railway officials are having considerable difficulty in getting relief boxcars consigned to local shippers, which is adding materially to the complications of the shortage. According to reports made at the regular meeting of the Memphis district operating committee, the shortage is becoming more serious.

THREE RELIEF WORKERS MURDERED IN SYRIA

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—The murder of three American relief workers in Syria was reported today to the state department.

MISSISSIPPI FOLK TO PASS ON WOMAN'S VOTE

JACKSON, Miss., Feb. 4.—The state senate today passed a resolution questioning the validity of the woman suffrage amendment in primary elections to the state constitution.

CHAMBER JOURNAL OUT

The February issue of the Chamber of Commerce Journal is just off the press and is being sent out to members.

CHIEF HUN PEACE ENVOY QUILTS RATHER THAN AID ALLIED TRIAL OF GERMANS

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BERLIN, Feb. 4.—Baron Kurt von Lersner, head of the German mission in Paris, has been relieved of that office. Baron von Lersner, it is stated, had received explicit orders to transmit the expected allied note on extradition demands to his government.

(Paris advices quote Von Lersner as declaring he had resigned rather than transmit the list of Germans demanded by the allies.)

PARIS, Feb. 4.—Kurt von Lersner, head of the German peace delegation here, has returned to Premier Millerand the list containing the names of Germans whose extradition is demanded by the allies, which was handed to him last night, and has informed the premier that he has resigned and is leaving for Berlin by the first train.

Baron von Lersner told the Associated Press his decision was in line with the attitude he has maintained throughout regarding the question of extradition. He declared he had held that no German officials could be instrumental in carrying out the extradition clauses of the treaty and consequently the final form there was nothing left for him to do but to resign and go home.

Baron von Lersner said he had received the following letter from Premier Millerand:

"I have made it known to my government that I cannot remain in office and that I must leave Paris at once."

Baron von Lersner, who would arrive in Berlin by the first train, said he would leave for Berlin by the first train.

The allied council of ambassadors in London, who attended the meeting, said afterward that he had no statement to make regarding it. It was made known that the official communiqué would be issued after the second meeting of the council, which was set for Feb. 6.

Meanwhile an official view of the situation arising from Baron von Lersner's departure is being formed. The allied council of ambassadors in London, who attended the meeting, said afterward that he had no statement to make regarding it.

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Funeral Services Held at Grave Conducted by Bishop Beatty—Ministers of Every Denomination Attend.

Hundreds who had known and loved the late Rev. Dr. Walter D. Buckner held a last service at the grave Wednesday afternoon. The funeral services were held at the grave in Elmwood cemetery, and were conducted by the Right Rev. Troy Beatty, bishop coadjutor of Tennessee, assisted by the Episcopal clergyman of the local parish.

Members of the Protestant Pastors' association attended in a body. Mayor Beatty and the members of the city commission also attended the services, and representatives from the Chamber of Commerce, the highest Masonic lodge, and other organizations in which Dr. Buckner held membership also were present.

The solemn services of the Episcopal faith is usually held in the church with only a last service at the grave. But the entire service was conducted at the cemetery, in order that the health department rules prohibiting large assemblies should be observed.

More than 500 men and women stood around the grave as Bishop Beatty read the prayer for the dead. The church of which Dr. Buckner had been a leader for many years. The pallbearers were the members of the church.

Dr. Buckner's body was escorted to the church Wednesday morning and lay in state at the front of the church from 11 o'clock until 2. At 10 o'clock committal services and the prayers for the dead were held in the church by the members of the immediate family and the Episcopal clergy of the city.

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CABINET OFFICIALS CHARGE OF "COINFEET"

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—Deportation of radicals, country-wide arrests of others and the "vigorous enforcement of existing laws has given notice that the United States intends to keep order, and has helped improve conditions." Attorney-General Palmer today told the house judiciary committee. The positive intention of the government to punish crimes of "reds" and communists has created a state of order which would have been impossible without arrests and deportations, he added.

Mr. Palmer declared that he had a "plain case of coinfeet" when he failed to appear before the house judiciary committee several weeks ago to explain the reasons for his absence. "Coinfeet" is not correct, I did not attend because I could not give support to the pending rule for the Sterling-Drabham bill.

More harm than good would come from repressive legislation, Mr. Palmer said, adding that he had a "plain case of coinfeet" when he failed to appear before the house judiciary committee several weeks ago to explain the reasons for his absence.

Members of Association Will Aid Assessor Condon in Reconciling Any Errors in Recent State Appraisal.

The appraisal made for the state, which placed the total valuation of real estate in Memphis and Shelby county at \$200,000,000, was only the first step in the assessment.

While the law contemplates that county assessors throughout the state shall take these new valuations as a basis upon which to fix assessments, in each county, the assessors have authority to make such changes as, by proof satisfactory to them, may appear to be necessary to arrive at the actual cash value of all real estate.

It is frankly admitted that the former assessment for state and county purposes was not made with any view to fixing the actual cash value, either in Memphis or in any other city or county.

Members of the Real Estate association, in special session Wednesday at the county courthouse, will assist in the appraisal of city realty which will be a difference of opinion as to the value of the realty in the city.

This action was taken not with any idea of antagonizing the action of the county assessors, but with a view to co-operating with the state officials as well as with Mr. Condon, in deciding any questions which they may have as to the value of the realty fixed by the state appraisal.

Mr. Condon, as the law requires, will make the appraisal. He has assured the state officials that he intends to strictly follow the law and that he will not make any value upon all property within the city and county. He, however, has the authority to make such changes as, by proof satisfactory to him, may appear to be necessary to arrive at the actual cash value of all real estate.

He has already begun the assessment and while there has been a delay of some days in the appraisal of the state officials to complete their figures by Jan. 10, he hopes to complete it this week.

Individual instances of over-valuation by the state appraisal have been mentioned by many taxpayers. Mr. Condon, however, has no authority to present tangible proof to the assessor, either showing that actual sales have been made at a price below the state appraisal, or that a bona fide contract for sale has been made, or that the property has been sold at a price in good faith with a reputable dealer, and corrections may be made. Mere assertions, however, will not be accepted. There must be proof of such assertions.

A Laubach, chief clerk of the state appraisal board, has stated that the state tax will be fixed this year 25 cents instead of 20. Property owners who have been notified to pay their taxes by visiting Mr. Condon's office at the courthouse. Two deputy assessors are now working on the appraisal of the city and county.

As to the county tax rate, that rests with the county court and will not be fixed until the July term. Before that time, however, the county court will have decided the rate for the year. The county court will have decided the rate for the year.

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